

October 2019



Minister's Message

My Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Amazing another month flies by but I pray that our prayer life and ministries have all been fruitfully guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit and All for the Glory of God. October is the month for our seraphic father Saint Francis. I hope that you spent the last 34 days praying through the Season of Caring for Creation. Beautiful reflections, prayers & readings with moments of contemplation. Week four ends with an action suggestion: "Embrace the silence this week. Turn off everything unnecessary. Reflect on God's glory in Creation: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." Ending with this prayer: All- powerful God, Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

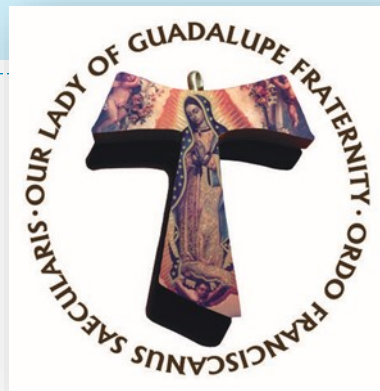
Week five concludes the month of September but welcomes in October.

"Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father." (OFS Rule, Art. 19) Moment of Contemplation (Take some time in silence)

"This is what I want from you: to do justice, to love compassionately, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) Reflection Questions:

- ◆ How do I trust in the presence of the "divine seed" in all of God's creation?
- ◆ How do I do justice?
- ◆ How do I love compassionately?
- ◆ How do I walk humbly with God?

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Council and Fraternity Meetings

Monthly on the second Sunday of the month. Exceptions will be noted.

Location

St. John Vianney Catholic Church- 1345 Turnbull Canyon Road Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

We meet in Dolan Hall behind the O'Callaghan Building.

2019 Council and Fraternity

Oct 13* 11:30am, Nov 10, Dec 8

Regional Formation training Our Lady of Guadalupe church (La Habra) 8:30am to 3pm

December 8th OLG Christmas Celebration!

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Let us pray:

All-powerful, most holy, most high, supreme God:

All good, supreme good, totally good, You Who alone are good, may we give You all praise, all glory, all thanks, all honor, all blessing, and all good. So be it! So be it! Amen.

From the Letter to All the Faithful by Saint Francis: Blessed are they who love the Lord and do what is written in the Gospel: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul, and your neighbor as yourself. Let us therefore love God and adore Him with pure heart and soul since He says that He is especially seeking authentic worshippers who will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Let us sing His praises and pray day and night because we must pray always without losing heart.....

I, friar Francis, your least servant, by the love that God beg and implore all whom this letter may reach to receive these fragrant words of our Lord Jesus Christ with humility and love and to fulfill them in love and observe them to the letter. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless all who accept them with love and understanding them and persevere to the end in putting them into practice. Amen

St Francis, pray or us

St Clare, pray for us

Blessed Mother Mary, pray for us

All Holy Angels and Saints, pray for us.

Amen.

Your humble servant growing in greater love and humility,

Veronica



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FRATERNITY IS HAVING A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!!!

Do you have any suggestions? Call, text, email Cathlynn

- ◆ Reading of Nativity Scripture with prayer
- ◆ Lots of delicious food and drinks, share your Christmas favorites
- ◆ Give a fraternity Christmas monetary gift to a family in need in a poor country
- ◆ Sing Christmas Carols



Gospel Living with JPIC

by Cathlynn Morse, OFS

“the stranger...” For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. (RSV Matthew 25:35-36).



“the homeless poor...” Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house: when you see the naked, to cover him,..." (RSV Isaiah 58:7)

Who is the Stranger in our life? Stranger translated from Hebrew means sojourner, alien or refugee. Stranger, in the American culture today, often refers to people who come from other countries and want to live in America because they see it as a better life. The individual could be looking for escape and amnesty from violence, starvation, poverty and running to health care, to be connected with their family, a better education, a job with enough money to feed their children. Jesus tells us we need to take in the Stranger, to be inclusive. Jesus says this in the book of Mathew by identifying himself as the Stranger in need. That when we give food, drink, clothe, provide healthcare, visit and welcome the Stranger we are welcoming and providing for Him. The Divine is in each of God's creatures..."they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High..." (OFS Rule Article 18)

Our faith as Catholics identifies our responsibilities through the Catechism by identifying the works of mercy. (CCC 2447) There are both spiritual works of mercy and corporal works of mercy. "The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice to God:" St. Gregory says "When we attend to the needs of those in want we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

St. Francis lived in material poverty, following the gospel life, giving what ever he had to others through the love of Jesus. We, as Secular Franciscans follow in his footsteps to love the Leper, the Stranger, the Homeless and the Poor through acceptance, inclusivity and works of mercy on their behalf. **I ask again, who is the stranger in our life? Is it a family member we haven't forgiven, a fraternity member in need, some one on the street corner begging for food, the immigrant or the homeless?**

Sunday October 13, 2019 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

St. John Vianney Church, (Dolan Hall) 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Our Lady of Guadalupe fraternity Invites you to formation on:
“The Immigration Crisis: A Franciscan Perspective”

Our ***guest speaker*** will be: **Patricia Elizabeth Grace, OFS**

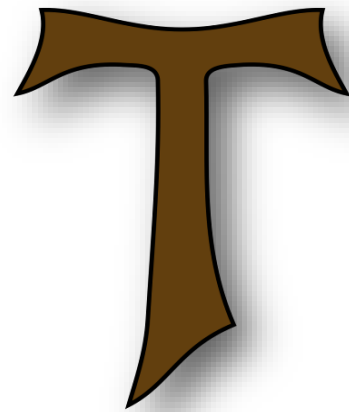
- Minister, Immaculate Conception Fraternity
- St. Francis Regional JPIC Animator
- Pro Bono Immigration Attorney, Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego

Potluck Lunch 11:30am to 12:30pm (please bring a dish to share).

Formation (Talk and Sharing) will began right after lunch.

Our Fraternity is asking for donations for Project Oak Tree (see flyer attached with email). We ask that you bring items that they are requesting, our Fraternity will pay for the cost of shipping.

- money
- personal travel size hygiene supplies
- lip balm
- hairbrushes
- hair ties
- small and medium belts
- shoe laces
- new underwear and socks for children and adults
(small and medium)



Please RSVP! text or give me a call Lucy 626-485-3624 or email me at gospeltolife@me.com

***We hope to see you all there,
bring a new friend and share our Franciscan joy!***

October 2019 Holy Rosary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi Feast solemnity</i>	5
6 <i>St. Mary Frances of the Five wounds</i>	7 <i>Memorial to Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8	9	10 <i>St. Daniel and Companions</i>	11	12 <i>St. Seraphim of Montegrano</i>
13 Council 9:30am Social/Potluck 11:30am <i>Formation on Immigration Crisis and project donations-flyer</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19 Regional Formation training Workshop at Our Lady of Guadalupe church (La Habra) 8:30am to 3pm for Formation Teams
20	21	22 <i>St. Peter of Alcantara, Memorial</i>	23 <i>St. John of Capistrano, Memorial</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Anniversary of Dedication in consecrated churches of Order, Solemnity</i>	31		